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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Adam Clayton Powell says -- he is coming back home to fight for his seat in Congress -- and for his chairmanship of the House Education and Labor Committee. The Harlem Congressman -- now at his vacation retreat on the Bahamian Island of Bimini -- talked with CBS News correspondent Mike Wallace. Under persistent pressure in various quarters, Powell told Wallace that he is granting no interviews. This -- on the advice of his lawyers -- also Congressional leaders. But he did say that he is not going to retire, as some critics have suggested -- because, he declared, his people need him. And he will put his case to the House Democratic caucus when the Ninetieth Congress convenes.

POWELL

In Washington, the manager of the House of Representatives Bank says that a lawyer's claim that Powell has a million dollars on deposit there is, "a cock and bull story." Elwyn Raiden -- who is in charge of the House banking operation -- takes issue with attorney Raymond Rubin who says Powell has more than enough money in that account to pay a one hundred sixty-four-thousand dollar libel award. The bank is operated by the Sergeant-at-Arms and is strictly for the personal convenience of House members.

A House subcommittee this week resumes hearings on Congressman Powell's conduct. The star witness -- Powell's estranged wife, Mrs. Yvette Powell, is under subpoena -- her appearance now set for Friday.

The investigators want to ask Mrs. Powell about her status as a twenty-thousand-dollar-a-year member of Powell's staff. Under the law, staff employees of House members

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BOMB

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WAR

Some ten thousand South Vietnamese troops and their American advisers moved southward through the swamps of U-Minh Forest today. Their mission -- to establish a landing area in the Mekong Delta for American paratroopers / who are expected to ~~soon~~ arrive there ^{SOON} in force. The area is a Communist stronghold. / About ninety Viet Cong were reported killed during the first few hours of the operation -- the biggest airborne assault of the war. Allied casualties were described as extremely light.

The White House said today that President Johnson's policy is to bomb only military targets in North Viet Nam -- and ~~that~~ he doesn't feel his instructions have been violated at ~~all~~ all."

Presidential news secretary George Christian issued the statement in Austin - / the first White House comment on published reports that American planes had bombed civilian homes in the Hanoi area.

Not much sentiment has developed on Capitol Hill for an investigation of American bombing of North Vietnam.

In fact, chairman Rivers of the House Armed Services Committee, says the bombing should be expanded, no matter what world opinion may be. Rivers adds -- one American life is worth all of North Vietnam. We can win this war, he says, if we just get in there and fight -- with no holds barred.

Rivers thinks Hanoi should be leveled, and the port of Haiphong should be bombed.

KOSYGIN

The British government announced today that Soviet Premier Kosygin will pay an official visit to London early in February for a series of talks on policy questions, including Viet Nam. Prime Minister Harold Wilson, while in Moscow last February, ~~had~~ invited Kosygin to London and the Soviet leader accepted. But ~~the~~ he later backed out, chiefly because of British support for American policy in Viet Nam. Wilson is certain to take up the Viet Nam issue with Kosygin, hopefully to win his cooperation in efforts to get Hanoi to a peace conference table.

CANYON

One of the greatest adventures in western exploration occurred nearly a hundred years ago in Eighteen-Sixty-Nine. A group of daring men -- led by Major John Wesley Powell, a one-armed veteran of the Civil war -- made the first boat trip down the Colorado River through the towering rock formations of the Grand Canyon. He wrote an account of the voyage -- through "roaring, mad waters, whirlpools, and huge swells beneath the grand and gloomy depths of the canyon walls." Lowell Thomas is still in Alaska tonight, visiting with members of his family, and he has something to tell *I* us about a plan that could change the entire appearance of the Grand Canyon. Lowell....

*Hi there Dallas - and good evening everybody - again
From Alaska*

*One of the most controversial public works
projects in American history - is a plan for a giant
dam - not here in Alaska - I'm not talking about the
Yukon this time - this has to do with the Colorado
River; a reservoir - that would flood a part of the
glorious Grand Canyon. One of the men most
knowledgeable on this is a geology professor at the
University of Colorado.*

*Bill Bradley. He observes that the Grand
Canyon - has "supplied us with much of our information
regarding early geologic history; with some of its
best-kept secrets - only just coming to light in the
Grand Canyon. For nowhere else - says Profeseor
Bradley "has so much of the earth's history been so
clearly depicted -- as in our own Grand Canyon region."*

"The point then is simply this" - he adds. That "to mar the Grand Canyon - would be to mar an area that is unique in the world; an area that has supplied inspiration -- to millions of people."

Another speaker with pertinent views on this - Dr. Ira Gabrielson, president of the Wildlife Management Institute. He was ~~ax~~ speaking at what is ~~ca~~ called the Grand Canyon Workshop, sponsored by the Reader's Digest. Dr. Gabrielson blames much of the controversy on government engineers - ^{who are he says} unable to see beyond the end of their own slide rules.

He put it this way: "I have never seen an engineer yet - whether a road-builder, a dam-builder or a levee builder - who could look at a piece of land without wondering just what he could do to change it."

The good doctor adding that "America is more than engineering projects -- as good as they are, as necessary as they often are." And when such a

*project "comes to invade one of the most magnificent
spectacles in all the world - then it has no merit
whatever" - said Professor Gabrielson. Solong,*

MOON

A Soviet scientist came up with a suggestion today, Lowell, that may have some merit. He wants the United States and Russia to exchange information on "the canyons of the moon." Professor Alexander Lebedinsky says a comparison of such data would be of great scientific significance. His statement was prompted by the successful landing of Russia's Luna-Thirteen on the moon this past Christmas Eve. So far, only three ~~man~~⁹ unmanned spaceships have reached the moon -- America's Surveyor-One, and Russia's Luna-Nine -- Luna-thirteen.

QUAKE

A severe earthquake rocked a sixty-mile strip along the coast of northern Chile today. Nearly half of the small nitrate port of Taltal was destroyed, and it's learned that ~~there were~~ severe casualties.

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BANKS

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The Massachusetts legislature has voted to investigate the collision of a one-car Diesel passenger train and a fuel oil truck. Twelve persons were killed ... twenty injured in the tragedy, which took place at a grade crossing in Everett, a suburb of Boston. The Boston and Maine railroad at crossings -- also on the railroad's provisions for proper maintenance of safety equipment on Buddliner cars.

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HOPE

Comedian Bob Hope and his troupe of American

entertainers completed their Christmas tour of Vietnam

in the monsoon rains today -- performing before ~~some~~ ^{SOME}

twelve thousand wildly cheering servicemen at Da Nang.

At one point during the program, an exuberant

young Air Force Lieutenant vaulted to the stage, ripped

open his shirt and asked dancer Joey Heatherton to

autograph his chest. She obliged -- writing "love and

kisses, Joey Heatherton" with a ball-point pen -- while

the audience sent up a chorus of whistles and welf-calls.

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